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DR MAHATHIR TO LAUNCH FUND FOR MALAYSIA ON MAY 24

KUALA LUMPUR, May 9 (Bernama) -- Prime Minister Datuk Seri Dr Mahathir Mohamad is scheduled to launch the "Fund for Malaysia" at the Merdeka Square here on May 24, the latest drive yet to help national recovery from the current economic problems.

The fund, the initiative of the Barisan Nasional Youth, is the third of such drive so far after the National Special Fund and Asnita, the country's first unit trust fund for women launched last week.

BN Youth-cum-Umno Youth chief Datuk Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, said today that on the launching day, the prime minister, who is also BN chairman, will receive cheques being contributions from the various youth wings of the ruling coalition and children.

"The fund is the BN Youth latest effort in collecting public cash donations to help in national economic recovery," Ahmad Zahid after attending a BN Youth meeting here chaired by the BN secretary-general Datuk Seri Mohamed Rahmat, who is also Information Minister.

Ahmad Zahid said the Proton Wira 1.5, which was air-dropped together with last month's Malaysian North Pole sky-diving expedition, would also be on display during the fund's launch.

Sky-diving demonstrations by 16 members of the expedition would be the highlights of the launch, he added.

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